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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 28 March 1966

DD/I noted information from the latest ORR monthly summary of shipping to North Vietnam. Free-world shipping has fallen off. DCI noted that Communist shipping has increased. [] noted movement of coal via the rail line from China to NVN in the amount of 20,000 tons--an amount which would require one entire week's capacity of the line.

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DD/I noted the latest Task Force LOOKOUT report which includes information pertaining to a survey of photography of all areas of NVN in which SSM's might be installed. Gaps persist in the frequency of coverage.

Godfrey briefed on the "fragile" situation in Ecuador and said that OCI will disseminate a memo describing election machinery and practices in the Dominican Republic.

[] reported that our concern over the lowering of coaxial cables and certain communications equipment on the U. S. strategic embargo list appears to be matched by other agencies, and this issue may be worked out short of a DCI objection.

DD/S reported on favorable results of a recent two-day course given by the Agency to officers of the DIA and JCS.

DD/S noted a current investigation by a Senate subcommittee looking into Army use of surplus equipment in the Far East. The subcommittee has stumbled across our fine work in this regard, and the jurisdictional problems are being worked out by our Office of Legislative Counsel.

[] noted the notoriety given in the press over the weekend to the [] case.

[] commended for reading the Saigon Embassy's assessment--
[] on developments in Vietnam.

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[] reported on the travel plans of senior U. S. officials going to Vietnam. DDCI had later information. Vance, Komer, Moyers, and Redmond will visit Vietnam, leaving tonight. Senator McGee of Wyoming, new member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will also be in the party.

DD/S&T reported on two Soviet ICBM shots over the weekend, one an SS-8 and one an SS-11. The Soviets also tried but failed to launch a communications-type satellite. We expect the Soviets to try a lunar probe sometime this week.

DD/S&T noted word from [] that the Chinese are knowledgeable of the technology involved in electromagnetic separation and that this explains the manner in which the ChiComs acquired U-235.

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DD/S&T noted a successful TACKLE mission over []
[] There was some ground haze which might inhibit photography. A MIG scrambled against the U-2 on three different occasions. MIG activity caused cancellation of two SAC U-2 flights last night over NVN.

DD/S&T said that D/NRO Flax had obtained Secretary Vance's approval of recent D/NRO decisions concerning satellite aspects of the NRP.

DD/P, referring to a Hungarian defector's testimony before the House CIA Subcommittee on the 1964 Newsweek forgery by the Hungarians, said that TSD analysis at that time had concluded that this was a Hungarian operation.

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DD/P noted this afternoon's scheduled meeting []
[] DD/P will attend. It was also noted that OXCART deployment will be an agenda item. DD/P reported word received that Secretary Vance believes it might be useful for the U. S. Air Force to begin a training program for a Congolese Air Force. DD/P said this would be a good development but the time required does not affect the need to continue our current air program in the Congo.

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